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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant herewith calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

A copy of an European Search Report mailed November 13, 2000 with respect to related application No. EP 9911045.4 is enclosed, in which the following documents are cited:

European Patent Publication No. EP 0 845 894, to PICARD et al., entitled "A System for Accessing Multimedia Mailboxes and Messages Over the Internet and Via Telephone", which was published June 3, 1998. Applicant notes that this document was cited as a category "X" document (indicating a document of particular relevance) with respect to claims 1-17 of the European application. The Examiner indicated the Abstract and column 2, line 3 through line 17; column 2, line 48 through column 3, line 13; column 3, line 45 through column 4, line 30; column 7, line 42 through line 47; column 11, line 6 through line 23; column 12, line 15 through line 21; column 12, line 33 through column 13, line 30; and figure 8 as being

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relevant;

PCT Application No. WO 98/23058 to FREISHTAT et al., entitled "System for Integrated Management of Messaging and Communications", which was published May 28, 1998. Applicant notes that this document was cited as a category "X" document with respect to claims 1-17 of the European application. The Examiner indicated the Abstract and figure 21 as being relevant;

U.S. Patent No. 5,675,507 to BOBO II, entitled "Message Storage and Delivery System", which issued October 7, 1997. Applicant notes that this document was cited as a category "X" document with respect to claims 1-17 of the European application. The Examiner indicated the Abstract and claims 1, 14, 21, 29, and 33 as being relevant;

U.S. Patent No. 5,848,137 to HSIAO, entitled "Device and Method for Processing Multimedia Message", which issued December 8, 1998. Applicant notes that this document was cited as a category "A" document (indicating a document relevant to the technological background of an invention) with respect to claims 1-19 of the European application. The Examiner indicated the Abstract and claim 9 as being relevant; and

PCT Application No. WO 97/09682 to KIKINIS, entitled "Service Independent Electronic Document Server", which was published on March 13, 1997. Applicant notes that this document was cited as a category "A" document with respect to claims 1-19 of the European application. The Examiner indicated the Abstract, figures 1 and 3, and claims 1, 5, and 7 as being relevant.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider and cite the above-mentioned


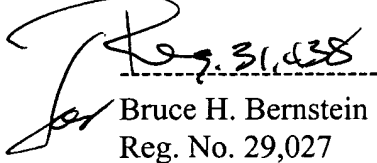
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documents. Copies of these documents are attached and are listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the same to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application. Further, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), the undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. Of course, this statement does not apply to information that has previously been cited by Applicant or the Examiner in the present application as that information is already of record and no certification is necessary.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,
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